

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re the Application of

Mitchell REFF

Group Art Unit: 1644

Application No.: 09/982,849

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For: VARIANT IGG3 RITUXAN AND THERAPEUTIC USES THEREOF

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Sir:

Applicant, through the undersigned attorney acting pursuant to 37 CFR 1.34(a), hereby request that the above-identified application (but not the invention therein) be expressly abandoned as of the filing date of the continuation application filed on January 20, 2006, which has been accorded U.S. Application No. 11/335,710. To maintain co-pendency of the instant application and the continuation, a petition for a one-month extension of time for reply to the outstanding official action was filed on the same day.

Respectfully submitted,

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